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## NEWS SUMMARY.

**Foreign.**—The King of Anam said to be poisoned by the anti-French party.

—*Judys* libel case dismissed; that paper's fun hasn't even edge enough to be libelous.—Maria buried at Rome.

—Big storm over Great Britain and Ireland.—King Alfonso of Spain proposes to extend the suffrage.—Parnell banished in Dublin; there are some people who would willingly eat Parnell raw.

—Efforts continue to save O'Donnell.

—Richard Doyle, artist, dead.

—France votes money to Gallicise Tonquin.

—Baker Pacha, going to the front in Egypt.—Tennyson is now Baron D'Eyncourt of Aldworth; but it don't make his late poetry any better.—Crown Prince having a good time in Spain.—Ports in Madagascar bombarded by French fleet.

—Papal organ in Rome censures some of the Irish priests.—M. de Lesseps escapes assassination by a Belgian engineer who's the sort of a Belgian block-head we despise.

**Domestic.**—Bills in Senate to admit the State of Washington and to have a commission on the liquor traffic.—Abb. Elder receives the *padum* at Cincinnati.

—Denver witnesses \$600,000 paid for one lot of horses and cattle.—Dr. Cesnola testifying in his broken Dagon case.

—Capel lectured on "Divorce."

Hunter's Point ferryboat *Garden City* burned at point: spontaneous combustion probably, from excess from bad smells.

—Nothing definite about Phoebe Paullin case.

—Doll stolen by Hamilton, Treasurer of Trenton, constitute a lien on the city.—Salvation Army in trouble at New Haven.—Lawful and unlawful bay windows being settled definitely in New York.—Four Oberlin students confess to many thefts.—Vanderbilt gives a ball, to which the public is not invited.

—Several Gloucester fishing boats lost in a storm.—Rev. J. O. Means, D.D., dead.

—Erie Annex sinks a tugboat.

—Tufts College declines to admit women.—Walton-Dwight insurance case on trial, Norwich.—Great frauds in New City City contracts.

## ABOUT TOWN.

Rey. Mr. Jones, of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Newark, exchanged pulpits with Rev. E. D. Simons on Sunday last.

The open place under the Truck House has been inclosed with boards, adding greatly to the comfort and appearance of the building.

Two season tickets for the Westminster Lyceum course were found on Thursday. The owner may have the same by calling on C. Cooper, ticket agent, and describing the numbers.

A young brakeman employed on the Bloomfield freight sold just \$80 tickets for the Employes' Ball which was held in Newark on Tuesday evening. About 1,000 tickets in all were sold.

Next Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, there will be a meeting in upper Library Hall of the Village Improvement Association. All who are interested in village affairs are invited to attend.

Mr. Henry Henn, aged 30, of New York, son of the late Peter Henn of this place, died on Sunday last. The remains were interred in the family plot in Bloomfield Cemetery, on Tuesday.

A delay of two days was caused on the canal at the Inclined Plane in Bloomfield by the breaking of the crown wheel, which occurred on Tuesday morning and was not repaired until Wednesday evening.

The "New England Supper" given by the ladies of Westminster Chapel, was successful beyond their most sanguine expectations. The net proceeds, about \$100, we understand are to be used for the benefit of Rev. I. W. Snowden, California missionary.

Mrs. Celia B. Whitehead, of this place well and favorably known as an advocate of dress reform and woman suffrage, will deliver a free lecture in Newark on the former topic in a short time. This lecture was to have been given last Tuesday, but was unavoidably postponed.

The Bloomfield Hose Co. No. 1 have elected the following officers: Foreman, Elbert Ward; Ass't. Foreman, Arthur Sprague; Treasurer, Wm. T. Spencer; Secretary, J. R. Gillman. There are thirty-seven members who are now ready to be assigned to their posts on the carriages when it arrives.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of the Rev. E. Arnold Meury, of Hudson City, N. J., to Miss Augusta, daughter of the Rev. P. A. Schwarz, of this place. The ceremony is to take place in Westminster Chapel on Thursday, December 20th, at 5 P. M. A reception will be held the same evening at Hudson City.

Mr. M. N. Lovell, of Erie, Pa., one of the proprietors of the rubber mill at

Morris Neighborhood, has been visiting friends in Bloomfield. Mr. Lovell says that the rubber works have not shut down, as reported a couple of weeks ago, but have merely reduced temporarily the number of workmen employed.

The Young Peoples' Literary Society of the Baptist Church will give a free entertainment in the Church next Monday evening, in which Rev. Adam Chambers will deliver a lecture on Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," illustrated with oil paintings. An invitation is extended to the friends of the Society to be present.

Reserved seats for the Schubert Vocal Society (Newark) concert may be obtained at Mr. Sherf's drug store. The society will be assisted by Miss Henrietta Beebe, soprano soloist, and the Philharmonic Society of New York.

—The Social Orchestra of Bloomfield, who on this occasion, as last year, played by request, are now so well known as to need no special introduction. Their assistance being voluntary, and, of course, without compensation, it is hardly fair to criticise their playing. Of the four selections the last, *L'espoir de l'Alsace*, was the best, and could hardly have been played better by a trained professional orchestra of the same size.

Through the efforts of Mr. Wm. B. Corby, a subscription of about \$40 has been raised for Wm. Crease, who was seriously hurt some time since by a fractious horse. Mr. Crease is slowly recovering from the injuries. Any contributions of money or provisions will be much appreciated by the family, and certainly would be deservedly bestowed.

The new hose carriage is now ready to leave the factory of N. H. Dodd. At the election of members to the Hose Company on Tuesday evening, several persons were blackballed who bear an unstained reputation, and are equally as good as, if not better than many of those who opposed them. In an organization of that kind politices should be left at home. Because a man happens to be either a Republican or a Democrat, is no reason why he should be debarred from membership.

The M. E. Church chapel has been completed, and will be officially opened and dedicated on Sunday. The entire day will be appropriately observed. In the morning Rev. Bishop Harris, D. D., LL. D., will preach. At 2 P. M. a reunion of Sunday-school workers, and dedication of the chapel will be held. The evening's exercises will begin at 7:30 P. M., consisting of a praise service, addresses by laymen and ministers. Topic: "Methodism Past and Present." The committee of arrangements are Messrs. Field, Carle, Wilde and the pastor.

## Meeting of School Trustees.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the house of Mr. Chabrier Pelobert on Friday evening, December 7th. Mr. Edmund A. Smith, who has been appointed a member of the Board, was present, and took the oath of office.

The report of the Superintendent, Mr. J. B. Dunbar, was read, as follows:

The total enrollment for the month ending Friday, Nov. 23rd, was 808, with an average daily attendance of 705, or 87 per cent. The enrollment was distributed as follows: High School, 42; Grammar School, 326; Centre Primary, 198; Berkeley, 153; Brookside, 89. Compared with the report for November, 1881, there is an increase in the High School and Grammar School; the Centre Primary and Brookside have lost; and Berkeley remains the same. The overcrowded rooms at the Centre Primary, where the loss has been greatest, seem to have influenced some parents to keep their children under private instruction until they are sufficiently advanced to enter the grammar classes.

The total of half-day absences was 2,288. Of these 1,114 were reported as occasioned by sickness; 1,160 by other causes, for which excuses were rendered, and 14 were truancies. The unusual number of tardies at the Centre School was due apparently to confusion resulting from the change in standard time during the last week of the month. The report from Brookside, it will be noticed, is in this respect remarkably good. Under the present management there, there seems to be a great effort on the part of the pupils to do away with tardiness altogether, and to reduce absences to cases of absolute necessity.

The regular classwork of the school, as compared with the work of two years ago, shows an increase in the amount done in almost all the studies, and also a good advance in the general character of most of the work. Special care is now taken in all the writing exercises, and, so far as possible, sight reading is had instead of regular lessons from the readers. It is suggested that provision might be advantageously made to provide the upper primary and grammar classes, not already supplied, with supplementary reading matter for these exercises. The lessons in singing seem to be steadily gaining in favor in nearly all the classes, and good progress is generally made. Each class in the school receives weekly a half-hour's instruction from Mrs. Churchill, and in all but three of the rooms daily practice is had.

Money is being raised in the school for the library, and as soon as the requisite amount is secured, report will be made so that the money from the State may be drawn. A new general encyclopedia is much needed in the High School and Grammar classes for daily reference, and it is hoped that the funds gathered may warrant its purchase.

The President appointed Mr. Edmund A. Smith a member of the Building Committee.

A letter was read from Miss Ada M. Grover, resigning her position as teacher of the third Grammar class, on account of ill health, to take effect January 1st. On recommendation of the Teacher's Committee, the resignation was accepted by the Board.

The following bills were passed:

Frederick Fullman, placing pump at Brookside, \$30.25. John Sherman, supplies, \$38.80.

On motion, it was voted that the Committee on Supplies be instructed to provide an encyclopedia for the use of the High and Grammar schools.

## Westminster Lyceum Course.

### THE MEIGS SISTERS' CONCERT.

The fourth entertainment in the Westminster Course was given last Tuesday evening to a crowded house, the principal attraction, no doubt, being that remarkable quartet of vocalists, the Meigs sisters. After the audience was assembled it was announced that a few recitations by Miss Belle Beebe, so well and favorably known to all Bloomfielders as an elocutionist, would be added to the programme. This announcement was received with applause, and the subsequent reception of Miss Beebe's recitations proved that this young lady had lost not a whit of her popularity here. Her selections were in excellent taste, well rendered, and were all *encore*; the scene between Prince Arthur and Hubert was perhaps the best, if, indeed, there could be any choice.

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Look in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, etc., and see how the people are waking up to the fact that both the old parties are kept running by the rum and money power. They are beginning to see that the "proper handling" for the Republican party is to let it alone entirely.

We are glad you are wise enough to see that "this matter is serious" for your party. The Democratic party is only less dangerous than the Republican, because it has not the stereotyped scholarship of the country on its side. Remembering that Mrs. Hayes is the only temperance President who has thus far occupied the White House, we do not feel that we lose very much by aiding in the election of a Democratic president.

PROHIBITION GREENBACKER, OR "NATIONAL."

[NOTE.—We only require to print such a communication as the above to justify all that we have ever said about the folly of this sort of politics. It reminds us of a little fable. There was a Hen, and she laid an Egg, and then she laid Another, until the Nest was full of them. She was Getting Along nicely until one Morning she Stepped on one and Broke it. It smelled Bad. Whereupon she said: "I will Lay no more Eggs. I will go off and sit on a Glass One, which never gets Rotten and never gives any Trouble." And this she Did. But all the Other Eggs were not Bad.

EDS. CITIZEN.

An Error Corrected.

Will THE CITIZEN kindly correct an error which appeared in my article as published last week? I have not the paper at hand, so I cannot give the exact words, but in substance I am made to say that "I do not think the insurance system responsible for the gambling spirit so prevalent in our business world," whereas I meant to say that "I do think it largely responsible," etc. If I wrote the "not" it was a slip of the pen, and makes me say the opposite of what I meant.

Death of E. L. Hine.

The sudden death of Edward L. Hine, aged 61 years, on Dec. 7th, at 4 a. m., has caused much sorrow among the friends of the family. For the second time in two weeks has death entered the family of the deceased, the other victim being an older brother. Both deaths were caused by pneumonia. It is but a few months since a loving daughter was laid to rest in the family plot at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson. The deceased was, until the moment of his death, thought to be in a dangerous condition. His life has been that of a true Christian, having been an earnest member of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, in which city he has lived for a number of years, holding the position of superintendent of Greenwood Cemetery for three years past. He has been employed as track master on the N. Y. & G. L. Railroad, having charge of the entire working force on that road. The large army of friends which his kind and trusting disposition has won for him, now mourn their loss with the doubly afflicted family. Mr. Hine leaves one living brother at Basking Ridge, a devoted wife, three married daughters in Paterson, and two sons, both of whom are living at home. The funeral was largely attended at the late residence on Spruce Street, Rev. David Magie of Paterson, and Rev. H. W. Ballantine officiating. A number of agents, foremen and other employees of the road were present to pay their last respects to the departed.

Jones was standing in the village street trying to sell a tub of butter to Brown when an enormous goat came dashing along. Charging at Jones, it knocked his feet from under him, and rushed off, barking that astonished individual on its back.

When he returned to finish the interrupted conversation, he looked meditatively at the fleeing goat, and remarked to Brown that he "had realized a good deal on that butter"—that "it is the unexpected that always happens."

"Mr. Rapid, I see you are trying to slip those opera glasses into the bureau drawer—where have you been so late?"

"Well, my dear, Quick and I have been looking at the comet."

"I guess the comet you have been looking at was called a star on the bill."

"And I'm sure I detect an odor that comes from a different kind of glass from an opera glass, Mr. Rapid."

My dear, Quick and I thought the dampness might produce sore throat, so we bathed our necks with a little whiskey as a preventive."

"Well, as you seem to have bathed the inside of your neck so thoroughly, you'd better go to bed," and she thanked her stars he could not come over her very easily.

Montclair Man in Trouble.

Charles L. Peterson, of Bloomfield, complained before Justice Hageman on Wednesday that Harry S. Ford, of Garfield, did, on the property of Mr. Slabkey, draw and point a revolver at him and threaten him. The Justice issued the warrant to Constable Maxwell, who at an early hour on Thursday morning arrested Ford and brought him before the Court, where he gave bail for a hearing on the 21st. Counselor Austin Van Giesen, of Montclair, represents Peterson.

From the story of Ford it is made to appear that Peterson is doing all he can to make himself disagreeable to Ford. On this occasion Peterson had secured possession of three small debts of Ford's, about \$7 in all, and after repeated calls for the amount, he came on Wednesday, and in Ford's absence (so Ford says) used all the abuse and insults imaginable to Mrs. Ford. When her husband returned he learned the facts and went to Peterson's for the purpose of demanding an apology or else giving him a thrashing. Peterson had in his hand a large stone pitcher, and with it struck at Ford, who then took a revolver from his pocket, and as Peterson saw it, he dropped the pitcher and ran, yelling "murder," etc. Hence the complaint. We do not vouch for the facts, but this is said to Ford to be the other side of the story.

An interesting case came up on Tuesday evening before Justice Hageman, in which a number of Poles were interested.

One William Hoffmann made a complaint against Joseph Kapalinski for threatening to do him personal injury.

The Court was in a quandary as to what course to pursue, as neither of the Poles could speak English and did not know what to do for an interpreter.

Finally a boy of sixteen years volunteered to act as such, and to his credit performed his duty well.

After numerous witnesses were sworn and examined for the defence, the Court dismissed the charges and severely reprimanded Hoffmann for making the complaint without any foundation for the same.

T. R.—You ask why we do not print your sonnet. Because you have not sent the money, dear boy. Our rates are twenty-five cents per line. A sonnet contains fourteen lines. That makes \$3.50.

If you want the heading, "To Addie," to go, and your name as well, it will be fifty cents more.—San Francisco Argonaut.

## BALLOTS.

There lives a young man in Eau Claire. Who uses a great deal of air. For he walks when he talks. And he talks as he walks. Till his hearers are quite in despair.

"I'll be darned if I am down-trodden in this way any longer," said the stocking.

"I am the best bred in the house—thanks to the cook, who had a hand in that," said the loaf.

A remarkable metamorphose was witnessed near here lately. A horse was actually seen turning into a gate.

It is one to suppose that the Twilight Club of New York is so called because its proceedings are to be kept secret?

"I'm struck by a masher," simpered the susceptible potato, "and people are always coupling his name with mine."

The Western millionaire denies that he is the Flood tied which leads on to fortune—the woman who claims to be his wife.

They say that Henry Watterson is the mouthpiece of the new Speaker. What a fine open countenance the new Speaker must have!

They call it a "match" game of anything when the brimstone can be smelled in the air as the performance goes on. It is usually a fuss-for-us time when the home nine wins it.

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